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TOKYO FOR ATTENTION AMBASSADOR D.L. MC KERNAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, KS

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MSX PROBLEM WITH KOREAN OYSTERS

REF: STATE 217998

1. AT CONCLUSION OF KOREA VISIT OF DR. AARON ROSENFELD, HE DISCUSSED HIS CONCLUSIONS WITH EMBOFF. RE INTRODUCTION KOREAN SEED OYSTERS INTO US, ROSENFELD EXPRESSED HERE SAME RESERVATIONS REFLECTED REFTEL. ON QUESTION OF IMPORTATION OF FRESH-SHUCKED KOREAN OYSTERS, ROSENFELD NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE THAT KOREAN OYSTERS POSE ABSOLUTELY NO THREAT TO US STOCKS. AT SAME TIME HE INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT HIS RESEARCH IN KOREA HAD LED HIM TO CONCLUSION THAT IMPORTATION OF FRESH KOREAN OYSTERS CONSTITUTED AN "ACCEPTABLE RISK". FROM POLICY POINT OF VIEW, THEREFORE, WE ASSUMED IMPORTS OF KOREAN FRESH OYSTERS WOULD BE ALLOWED. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF PHRASE IN REFTEL THAT "SOME DOUBT REMAINS RE INTROCUCTION FRESH OYSTERS" INTO U.S.

2. RE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS SUGGESTED REFTEL, BEFORE DISCUSSING MATTER WITH ROKG OFFICIALS EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES, AS WELL

AS HOW THEY CAN BE FINANCED.

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